

SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 120

11 December 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
*Mr. Wilcox	State
*Mr. Kale	Interior
Mr. Ship	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
25X Major Hession	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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*Working level specialists

2. The State member raised a question as to whether or not the production of Supplement V (Petroleum) for NIS Area No. 26 (USSR) should be deferred until such time as certain pertinent information, which is presently available only in the Russian language, can be translated into English. It was brought out in discussion that a comprehensive translation and research program will be required to exploit the Russian language materials, and that the time required for such exploitation can not be estimated without further examination of the quantities involved. It was brought out also that a considerable amount of information, in addition to that contained in Section 62 C (Petroleum), is now available in English language documents. In view of the importance of Supplement V for the NIS area concerned, the Committee decided that preparation of this element should be undertaken immediately, and that this element should be scheduled for submission to D/B in April 1952. Efforts will be made to exploit the material now available in the Russian language, and the Vice-Chairman undertook to look into ways and means of obtaining assistance in the translation of this material. It was agreed that when a preliminary draft of Supplement V had been completed a meeting of representatives of Interior, State, and D/B would be arranged to consider the general adequacy of the research effort, particularly the exploitation of the Russian language material, and further action will be contingent on their findings.

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3. Copies of the proposed NIS Production Schedule for the last half of F.Y. 1952 were distributed to the members. The Vice-Chairman pointed out that this schedule calls for 423 sections, which means an average monthly production of 70 sections. Since an average monthly production of only 28 sections was attained during the first five months of F.Y. 1952, the members were requested to review their proposals with a view to determining whether the proposed schedule is in line with production capabilities. Members will report the results of their review directly to D/B, and D/B will prepare a revised schedule for consideration at the next meeting.

4. The Vice-Chairman read a memorandum from the Coordinator, NIS Chapter IX, dated 23 November 1951, relative to the impact on production of Chapter IX, NIS 27 (Turkey), resulting from recent exclusion of certain maps. (Refer to NIS Committee Meetings No. 116 and No. 117). The memorandum points out that eight of the nine offices contributing to this chapter have completed all but the finishing touches to their contributions, and that, except for the maps in question, the entire chapter could be completed in a relatively short time. Further, it points out that the maps which have been excluded constitute the most important single item in all Turkish mapping and map coverage, and that these maps are essential to the production of a wholly useable and worthwhile study on map and chart appraisal of Turkey. Committee decision was requested as to whether or not production effort should be continued with a view to publishing this chapter without reference to the maps. After considering all facts bearing on the matter the Committee decided as follows:

a. To suspend production on Chapter IX, NIS 27, and hold all contributions for a period of one year or less in anticipation of the removal of restrictions.

b. To resume production when removal of restrictions permit inclusion of the maps in this chapter.

5. The Army member reported that the recommendations for release of Army produced NIS to SHAPE would be submitted directly to D/B before the next meeting.

6. The next meeting of the Committee ~~will be~~^{25X1A9a} held at 1000 hours, Tuesday, 18 December 1951.

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